

Editorials

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP fees in the Canadian Medical Association for the year 1941 become due and payable in January. Under the terms of Federation by which the nine Provincial Medical Associations now enjoy Divisional status within the Canadian Medical Association, membership fees will be collected by and through the nine Divisions. Each member, therefore, will be called upon by his provincial medical association to pay the C.M.A. fee along with the fee levied by the provincial body. It is hoped that every member will recognize the call when it is made upon him or her, and that the response will be prompt and unanimous. The sending out of fee-reminders is costly, and if every member would keep this in mind considerable expense would be saved to the several Divisions.

Under the terms of Federation the Canadian Medical Association reduced its fee 20 per cent to all members of the provincial Divisions. This means that every member in good standing within a Division may be a member of the Canadian Medical Association by paying an annual fee of \$8.00. It is confidently anticipated that our present membership will be sustained during the year 1941; but that is not good enough. There are upwards of 4,000 medical practitioners in Canada who are not members of the Canadian Medical Association. It is difficult to believe that this large number of doctors are indifferent to the need for a united medical profession or to the advantages which could accrue to the profession if

we were a thoroughly united body. It is possible that we may have failed in the past to bring to the consciousness of these practitioners the claims of the Association upon them, or the nature of our work and accomplishments which challenges their support. During the year which has passed the Canadian Medical Association has been recognized by Governmental authorities of Canada as the mouthpiece of the medical profession. More than 9,000 doctors, members and non-members alike, have been willing to place in the hands of the Association documentary information in respect to the part they are willing to play in this time of war. In the fields of medical education, medical economics, legislation, and in many other directions the Association has served the profession to the best of its ability. The *Journal* of the Association has attained a very high place in medical journalism throughout the world, and month by month carries to our members a wealth of material. Can we not during this coming year attract to membership the 4,000 who, whether they know it or not, participate in our activities and enjoy the fruits of our labours, and who, perhaps, are waiting for personal invitations to pull their weight in the boat? If each member would regard himself as a recruiting officer to bring in one new member how easily the problem of national membership would be solved. Will you not make it your task to do your part towards closing the ranks during this coming year?

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LA NOUVELLE POLITIQUE DU JOURNAL DE L'ASSOCIATION MÉDICALE CANADIENNE

LE *Journal* de l'Association Médicale Canadienne inaugure une nouvelle politique avec la présente livraison. A la suite des demandes de la division provinciale québécoise et après entente avec l'exécutif de l'Association et le comité de rédaction, le français qui n'apparaissait dans ce *Journal* qu'en de rares occasions y prendra place désormais de façon régulière. Le *Journal*

devient en fait une publication bilingue. Tous les mois paraîtront, en français, des analyses d'articles médicaux, des nouvelles des universités et sociétés canadiennes de langue française, des notes sur les manifestations sociales de la médecine française du Canada. A l'occasion, le *Journal* publiera les articles et travaux français qu'on lui soumettra. C'est le docteur Jean Saucier,